A TRUE DISCOVERY of Mr. Edmund Halley of *London* MERCHANT

Who was found Barbarously Murthered at *Temple-Farm*, near *Rochester* in *Kent*.

Mr. *Edmund Halley*, was a Gentleman of public Acquaintance and known Reputation throughout the whole City of *London*, and had there lived in *Winchester* Street for many years, and was no less esteemed for his own Merits, as a Person always forward to the Service of his King & Country, than he was respected as a Gentleman of a considerable Estate, and plentifully happy in all the Goods of Fortune. What was the Original Cause of his first withdrawing himself from his own Habitation, whether any particular Business called him into the Country, or more private Discontent, estranged him from his Relations, is not yet certainly known, but as it appears by the *Gazet*, he went from home about the beginning of *March*, and could not since be heard of, tho a Reward of a hundred pound was promised to any Person who should discover him alive or dead.

Wednesday the 5th of *March* at Evening, was the first time that Mr. *Halley* was missing, in the Morning he complained his Feet were tender, and his Shooes pinch'd him upon which a Gentleman standing by, said to his Nephew, told him, Uncle if you please I will cut the Leather out of the Toes and that will ease your Feet, accordingly did so, his Wife ask'd him if he was going out, yes says he, I'll go and walk, but I shall be back in the Evening

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vening, when Night came he accordingly expected him, but not returning she was very much concerned at it, and the next day made all possible Enquiry, but after several days not hearing of him, published his Absence in the *News Book*, From *Wednesday* the 5th of *March*, to the 14th. of *April*, notwithstanding all Endeavours, and the strictest Search that could be made, they received no Account where he was, or what he had been. But on *Monday* last he was found by a River side at *Temple-Farm* in *Strew'd Parish* near *Rochester* on this manner. A poor Boy walking by the Water-side upon some Occasion spied the Body of a Man dead and stripe, with only his Shooes and Stockings on, upon which he presently made a discovery of it to some others, which coming to the knowledge of a Gentleman, who had read the *Advertisment* in the *Gazet*, he immediately came up to *London*, and acquainted Mrs. *Halley* with it, withal, telling her, that what he had done, was not for the sake of the Reward, but upon Principles more Honourable and Christian, for as to the money, he desired to make no advantage of it, but that it might be given intirely to the poor Boy, who found him and justly deserved it.

Mrs. *Halley* who had been all along most passionately troubled at her Husbands absence receiving this Intelligence sent down her Gentleman his Nephew to view the Corps, whether it was the Body of Mr. *Halley* or no. It was judged by all Appearances to have lain some time in the River, and afterwards by the motion of the Water driven a shore; the Face was so much disfigured he could not be known, one of the Eyes was injured, and several parts of the Body, but by what means is not yet discovered. It was conjectured by all that he had not been in the River ever since he was missing, for if he had, his Body would have been more Corrupted. The Gentleman knew him by his Shooes and Stocking, they being the same Shooes he had cut the Lineing out of, and on one Leg he had four Stockings, and on the other three and a Jean-cloath. The Coronet sat upon him, & the Inquest brought him in Murthered. On *Wednesday* Night his Body was brought to his own house in *Winchester-Street*, from whence it will be hidden ly buried.

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